













# Daily Democrat

THE QUAKER COQUETTE.

BY MISS O'BRIEN.

Dear, my quaker, what you are met:  
But once, and yet—twice more to meet.  
Prayed unawares in every snare,  
All vain my quest for love and care.  
Yet seemed so true her eyes of blue,  
And her sweet smile so full of dew,  
Good angels dwell there, I am sure,  
And have kept her in reverent awe.  
Poor heart, what eyes could pass  
The azure mass of curls cascading  
Her pure white brow and cheek and nose  
By the simplicity of dress?  
Of rose leaves spread on velvet cushions,  
With her hand on her forehead,  
But, ah, my quaker, she will not let me  
No level deck her radiant neck—  
What pearl would reach the hue of that  
A ribbon fold, or some such trifle.  
O, passion! the life's leaf  
In dark relief on the whiteness  
Of all the breast not covered and pressed  
Beneath her collar's Quaker tightness  
And milk-white robes of snowy gleam,  
As Roman maidens used to wear,  
With classic taste and gently bowed,  
And thence unrolled in willow fold,  
Profuse and bold—a silken tress,  
Not hid but dimmed and veiled,  
Well turned and trim and plump, I warrant!  
O, Quaker maid, were I more stout,  
Or you a shade less sternly proud,  
I should have sought for love and care,  
Could chance upon your Quaker bias,  
How gladly so, in words of woe,  
From head to toe, my frame I'd cover,  
That in the end the covert "friend"  
Might thus second a covert lover!

## DOUBTFUL JOSHUA.

BY ELLA OLIVER WENDLE.

The situation was, so far as it is not  
contraband to tell at once: Joshua Dugger  
had a full grown daughter, a very young  
girl, and it was his duty to marry her  
and make him otherwise feel unpleasant,  
but serious consequences were supposed  
to have occurred to him at the time, as his  
prettiness was not married, and he was  
healthy, and his sleep was sound immediately  
afterward. But as he grew up, his  
grandfather said that that fall had made  
him over-cautious and undecided. His  
grandmother died, and when his parents  
followed him, Joshua thought he was  
better than to hire out to Farmer Daisy,  
who had one wife and two daughters.  
Lena was two years older than Joshua;  
and Fatima was two younger; and one day,  
when Joshua was twenty, he leaned upon  
his hoe by the pigsty and thus considered:  
Let me see, I am a pretty fellow, and  
which do I love the best, Lena or Fatima?  
I have lived for several years in this small  
family, and am a likely young man, as I  
am likely to live and prosper, and I  
am twenty-one. But I have my doubts  
which I ought to marry. Of course I could  
have either, but which? Lena is older  
and leaner, and Fatima is younger and fatter.  
But here I am in doubt. Should a  
man marry a girl who is older than he?  
If she is older, doesn't she have more ex-  
perience? If she is younger, isn't she likely  
to mind him better? This is one set of  
doubts. Then here comes another set. A  
wife ought to be healthy, and I can't  
but promise her good health, fat or lean?  
Some say lean, some say fat, which  
would be Fatty. But then it is a doubt  
whether Fatty, in four years, wouldn't be  
as lean as Lena—perhaps leaner. Time  
tries all, and again, Lena is older and  
more fat, and then again she might not  
be so well off as she is now. They are  
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troubled to choose between the two  
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effect upon them.  
Lena looked grave, and Fatima laughed  
at him.  
This caused him a new set of doubts, and  
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The effects of the haycock, according to  
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and more visible in the cautious proceed-  
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so that she would be the least liable to change  
after he had accepted her.  
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greatest concern, mourning and weeping,  
and tearing more clothes in the hunt.  
But this plunged him into more doubt.  
As to kittens—kittens may be no rule to  
judge by. Fatty may love kittens, while  
Lena may be more partial to dogs and men.  
This is a great consideration, for a dog  
which is no less devoted than a cat, and  
besides, perhaps those who are so  
wrapped up in dumb beasts may not have  
enough tenderness to spare for their part-  
ners. It is fortunate, then, that he had a  
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fers most, and pines the most, and is the  
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am acting for their peace of mind in the  
future. So I will begin by taking Lena to  
the home-land to-morrow.  
Lena was then sent to her home, and  
Joshua in high spirit, while Fatima de-  
lighted him by smothering a plate at his feet  
when he returned, and leaving his bed un-  
made and his handkerchief unhemmed.  
Continuing his exclusive attention to the  
elder sister, he found the coming of his  
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night, and I'll do my moral duty at home  
by speaking square out.  
"Now, which," said he stretching out his  
boots towards them, with his hands in his  
pockets, "which of you two girls can honestly  
say that she loves me the best?"  
"I have a proposition for a lover; but they  
felt that Joshua was honest, and an-  
swered without equal bluntness:  
"I don't care that for you!" declared Lena,  
independently, flinging an apple-paring at him.  
"And I think about as much of you as  
that!" exclaimed Fatima, snapping a bean at his face.  
Joshua was so amazed at this double-  
breasted surprise, that he drew his legs  
with a sudden jerk, that upset his chair,  
and rising from the floor with thoughts un-  
utterable, he went off to bed, to escape their  
laughter and train his thoughts to some  
reasonable bearing.  
"Wonders of Jerusalem and a sick horse  
to boot!" he thought. "I don't be-  
lieve it. Can't be. They are afraid to tell  
the truth. I ought to have gone at 'em  
single. Lucky I didn't say I loved them,  
or they'd been pulling hair afore this. I'll  
but a bushel of beans to be sure of apples."  
What Joshua was not able to do for him-  
self, the two sisters now did for him, as  
they went on with their beans and apples.  
Self-esteem was wounded, and each wished  
to escape ridicule from the other.  
"I wish you were here!" said Lena, "to think  
that I love him quite as well as I do."  
"You do love him quite as well as I do."  
"You do, and better. Poh!"  
"You needn't put me at—oh at him either.  
For a good enough for you, if he is a  
ward!"  
"He's too good for you. And you needn't  
sneer at him, for he isn't half as awkward  
as you are!"  
"That shows you love him. But he would-  
n't take you, at any rate, for he is a  
ward!"  
"You couldn't!"  
"I could. I'm four years younger than  
you, and you're too old."  
"You're too old, you jade! I'll  
pull your hair! You're dying to get married!"  
The arrival of their parents, just then,  
put an end to the threatening aspect of  
things. But the sisters slept apart, and  
each resolved the next day she  
should do all she could to get Joshua to pop  
the question, just to spite her sister. And  
accordingly they detected each other in  
such affectionate conversation with Joshua  
in the course of the day that the father  
suspected, and Joshua finally stood up  
straight and declared if they didn't let him  
alone he couldn't wait his onions.  
"All I wanted to say is, that you'll never  
be happy with her."  
"I'm happy as he would be with you, I'll  
be!"  
Joshua now had a happy thought.  
"I'll tell you what I'll do with you two  
girls. To stop the quarrel, I'll turn up a  
time for the girls, and then again she might  
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## THE TERMINATION OF A GREAT STRIKE.

English news mentions that the great strike

of the colliers in South Staffordshire has  
terminated in the submission of the work-  
men to the employers' terms. The work-  
men's greatest strike of laborers that prob-  
ably has ever taken place. It commenced  
in August last, and before it concluded 18,  
000 persons were standing idle, and their  
families, some of whom were 60,000 and 70,  
000 persons, were left without support.  
A reduction of about \$5 upon the market  
price of a ton of iron reduced correspond-  
ingly the value of the material which enters  
into its manufacture. This lowered the  
wages of the colliers proportionately per day  
for one set of laborers and three for an-  
other, reducing their pay to four shillings  
and sixpence and three shillings threepence  
per day. The colliers insisted that the  
whole burden should fall upon the iron-  
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relations of labor are so intimately  
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## NOTICE.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RULES AND

regulations of the Water Company, adopted by the

Board of Directors at a regular meeting on the 25th

of November, 1884, and under the provisions

of their charter are ordered to be published,

and to be read to the public, and to be

observed by all persons using the water of the

company. The rules are as follows:

1. No person shall use the water of the

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